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Through January 26
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Hypnotist
Performance
January 24
6 - 8 p.m.
Sherman Recital Hall
GSU students &
families
Free

Braid Tales
January 26
8 p.m.
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MLK Day
Celebration
January 28
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Cntr Perf Arts

NMSP Winter Walk
and Chili Dinner
January 26

News and Events

Forum Addresses First-year Student Success (09-27-12)

All GSU faculty and staff are invited to "The Essentials of First-Year Student Success: Planning for 2014," an informational forum, on Friday, October 19. Two nationally known experts from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Betsy Barefoot and John Gardner, will speak at the event.

The campus-wide discussion regarding planning for GSU's first freshman class in 2014 began with last March's forum featuring Carol Geary Schneider. The October 19 event will continue that conversation.

Like the March forum, the October 19 event takes place on the Center for Performing Arts Stage. It begins at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The program starts at 9 a.m. Lunch will also be served and the day's activities should be finished by 4:30 p.m.

RSVPs are required for this event. To RSVP, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.

Student Sustainability Summit Comes to GSU Friday

Students from across the Chicago Southland will share their ideas on how to best serve the environment at the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, taking place Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at GSU.

The summit is sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). But every aspect of the conference is student generated, said SMHEC Executive Director Genny Boesen. "The Student Summit evolved out of a request from the students at the 2011 Sustainability Summit to have an event of their own," Boesen said. "So this event is student requested, student planned, and student led."

Friday's events begin with a welcome from President Elaine P. Maimon, followed by a sustainable lunch. Speakers, a panel discussion, and breakout sessions will all address sustainability issues. Boesen said she expects that a significant contingent of Illinois State University students will also attend the summit.

Erin Fletcher, the student member on GSU's Board of Trustees, will take part in a panel discussion on *How to Start Sustainability Efforts on Your Campus*.

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E-Lounge
[Dr. Maristela Zell](#)

Scholarship and
Application
Essay Writing
Workshop
February 6
3 p.m.
Hall of Honors

Two GSU students will lead breakout sessions. Jamie Viebach will address *Sustainability at Home: 50 Shades of Green*, and Lydia Quinones will discuss *Is Your Table Sustainable?*

SMHEC is made up of 12 colleges and universities in the Southland. Students from all the SMHEC member institutions are expected to take part in the summit. SMHEC will also host an October 5 Sustainability Conference at Lewis University.

Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. Information Sessions

The College of Education is hosting three information sessions on GSU's innovative Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership. Sessions are taking place on two consecutive Fridays, September 28 and October 5, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 29, at 10 a.m. The two-hour sessions are being held in the COE Conference Room, G261. Sessions include registration and light refreshments, a curriculum overview, a description of GSU services and support, and questions and answers.

Classes in the Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. program begin in Spring, 2013 for doctoral students aspiring to leadership positions in four areas of concentration: school superintendent in preschool to 12th grade; higher education administration; not-for-profit leadership; and public safety leadership.

The Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership is unique in Illinois. The doctoral program, which offers a mix of online and on-campus courses, was designed by faculty, administration, and staff from GSU's four Colleges: Education, Arts and Sciences, Health and Human Services, and Business and Public Administration. It will be taught by faculty representing a wide range of academic disciplines at the university.

For further information, contact program coordinator [Dr. James "Chip" Coldren](#) at 708.534.4390 or senior advisor [Carla Johnson](#) at 708.235.3989.

CPA Hosts Lyric Opera Preview Sunday

For the third consecutive year, Governors State University Center for Performing Arts begins its popular "Opera Up Close" series with a celebrated quartet of singers from the Lyric Opera of Chicago. The Lyric Opera Preview returns to the CPA stage for one performance only on Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m.



Lyric Preview Singers

by Donizetti, "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdink, "Rigoletto" by Verdi, and "La Boheme" by Puccini.

Four talented singers – soprano Rose Guccione, mezzo soprano Janet Mensen Reynolds, tenor Ken Donovan, and baritone Keven Keys – will perform highlights from the Lyric Opera's 2012-2013 season. Selections will include arias and ensembles from "Elektra" by Strauss, "Simon Boccanegra" by Verdi, "Werther" by Massenet, "Don Pasquale"

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Host and narrator John Concepcion will again provide insight into each opera and its highlights, taking the audience on a musical journey across the world and through the ages.

"Opera Up Close" offers an unique musical experience for audience members. Instead of experiencing the music from the perspective of the auditorium, patrons at "Opera Up Close" are seated onstage for an unforgettable vantage point as superb artists perform some of the world's most beautiful music. Refreshments, including delicious Viennese-style desserts, are also available during the show.

Tickets for the Lyric Opera Preview are \$35. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

Fire and Iron Bring Spectacular Results to NMSP



Dan Kendall

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University is hosting a full day of exciting activities at its inaugural Iron Pour Jamboree, a family event from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6.

The Iron Pour Jamboree is a unique opportunity to see how metal sculptures are created, to produce your own art, and to witness spectacular results when fire and iron come together.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can join artists and students as they create sculptures by using scratch molds, small molds for making simple relief sculptures. Carolyn Ottmers, Chicago-based sculptor and chair of the sculpture area at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), will supervise the melting of 5,000 pounds of iron for pouring into scratch molds, which will be available for purchase.



Marjee Levine

As darkness falls, NMSP is hosting the Iron Pour Spectacle, a once-in-a-lifetime visual experience. It is free of charge and takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Boston-based artists Marjee Levine and Dan Kendall will pay homage to the Great Chicago Fire, whose anniversary falls on October 8. Spectators will see Levine and Kendall fire up an iron foundry and then tap it to create orange ribbons of molten iron that will flow across the landscape in wooden troughs, dripping gently onto a large-scale leather map of the City of Chicago.

Tickets for the Iron Pour Jamboree are \$25 before October 6 and \$35 on the day of the event. Scratch molds cost \$20. For more information, to make reservations, or to buy tickets, contact NMSP director and curator Geoffrey Bates at 708.534.4486 or sculpture@govst.edu.

Master Academic Calendar Now Available in Portal

The Office of the Provost has produced a calendar of important deadlines in the academic area. It is now posted in the portal and is accessible under the “announcements” section. Timelines for Retention/Promotion/Tenure/PAI processes, Assignment of Duties, Faculty Search processes, and more, are included.

Don’t be late in completing important processes and paperwork – plan to make regular visits to the calendar. Please note that a key to the acronyms used for many of the calendar entries is available at the end of the calendar.

Student Leadership Institute Taking Applications

GSU students still have time to apply to participate in the Student Leadership Institute (SLI), a co-curricular certificate program designed for upper-class students looking for leadership development opportunities. Applications for the certificate program will be accepted October 1 through November 1. Interested persons can [apply here](#).

Students must be currently enrolled and in good standing. Participating students will be selected based on information submitted in their application

For additional information visit <http://www.govst.edu/SLI/>.

Teacher Education Opportunity

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through Governors State University’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, October 2, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program at GSU offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a \$30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is November 15.

Your Opinion Counts

In an effort to improve new student support, the Academic Resource Center is conducting a brief survey of new undergraduate students about their early experiences at GSU.

The survey will be available through Friday, September 28. As an

expression of gratitude, names of survey participants will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the campus Follett Bookstore. Students should check their GSU e-mail for a link to access the survey.

For more information, contact the Academic Resource Center at 708.534.4090.

Student Receives Argonne Appointment

Bryan Orr, an undergraduate student in computer science, was awarded a co-op appointment in the division of Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory.

As a co-op student, Orr will work part-time during the semester and full-time in the summer. He will be mentored in several areas of software engineering related to operation of the APS accelerator and beamlines. He will be assigned tasks of gradually increasing complexity that involve independent learning, software development, deployment, operations, and reporting results to staff.

Drs. Clare Tang and Soon-Ok Park recommended him for the co-op position.

Pre-K at GSU

The Family Development Center has only a few spots open in the half day pre-kindergarten program. Parents of children three to five year-olds are encouraged to contact the FDC. The prekindergarten program boasts of a low student to teacher ratio and qualified educators following an enriching curriculum in a nurturing environment.

For more information and to register, call 708.235.7300.

September 25th Voter Registration Day Celebration (09-24-12)



National Voters Registration Day on Tuesday, September 25, will be marked with a number of events at GSU. Activities will take place in the Hall of Governors between 4 and 7 p.m. The afternoon includes voter registration, refreshments, raffles, a DJ, line dancing, and a National Anthem sing-off. The event is open to the public.

National Voters Registration Day is sponsored by the StrictlyteenzUSA, Rock the Vote, National Congress of Black Women, and Mass Vote.

With Election Day nearing, make sure your voter registration is in order. The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a voter registration drive, which continues through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

September 26th Women in Political Discourse Panel

GSU will present "Women in Political Discourse," a panel discussion, on Wednesday, September 26, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The panel discussion is designed to open up a dialogue on women in the political arena. Panel members will address issues such as the gender gap, how women are portrayed in politics, the need for more women in politics, and the negative rhetoric some politicians are using towards or about women.

"There is a distinct gender gap in the political process," said Arness Krause, an adjunct professor of communications at GSU and a panel organizer and participant. "This panel will address the rhetoric of politicians and open up dialogue regarding the gender gap and how it can be improved."

Other panel members are Debbie James, assistant professor of media communications; Marilyn Yirku, academic coordinator of communications programs; Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Tammara Winn, university lecturer, Interdisciplinary Studies; and Debbie Halvorson, former member of the United States Congress.

Krause said audience members will be an important part of "Women in Political Discourse" and will be able to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

For additional information, contact Arness Krause at akrause@govst.edu.

September 27th Business, Communications, Technology Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business, communications, and technology. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2012 Business/Communications/Technology Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. The event is free. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

GSU is a proud supporter of the Hispanic Heritage Organization and will be recognized at the opening ceremonies on September 28 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

September 28th Student Sustainability Conference at

GSU Friday

GSU will host the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). The free summit will take place at GSU on Friday, September 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students from area colleges and universities will introduce sustainability efforts and initiatives. SMHEC is comprised of 12 colleges and universities that service the Chicago Southland region.

You can register at [this link](#).

For additional information, contact [Genny Boesen](#) or [Sheree Sanderson](#).

Sustainability in Action at GSU Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Wind Turbine

GSU celebrates sustainability in action on campus! The E/F Renovation project will be GSU's first LEED-certified project, targeted for LEED "Silver" certification. Certification requires compliance with a number of criteria, one of which is that at least 50 percent or 75 percent (for extra credit!) of all construction debris, by weight, be diverted from landfills. GSU has not only met these criteria – it has excelled. With over 330 tons of debris removed so far from the renovation project, GSU has diverted to recycling opportunities more than 95 percent of the debris. More than half of that material was concrete and brick. The concrete is crushed and reused as aggregate in new concrete. Broken brick are reused in a similar way, while whole bricks are sorted and used to construct new projects.

Also, last week marked the one year anniversary of the wind turbine's start-up. In the past year the turbine has produced 121,640 kWh of energy, or enough to power about 12 Illinois households for the year. Bravo, GSU!

New Dean of Students Aurelio Valente's Family Profiled in Sports Illustrated

We are proud to share the link to the recent Sports Illustrated article profiling the Valente's family pursuit of the American dream.

[Click here](#) to read the inspirational story.

Protect Yourself During Flu Season

Free flu shots for eligible state members are being offered on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

State employees, retirees and university staff who have health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a state-sponsored managed care plan are eligible for the shots.

Dependents, spouses, survivors, contractual workers, consultants, students and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are NOT eligible for the free seasonal flu shot through this program.

To receive the shots, employees must present their health insurance card and state ID card. Retirees must present their health insurance card and another form of identification.

For additional dates and locations, go to www.benefitschoice.il.gov.

Election 2012 Forums

The Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring two community forums on the 2012 elections.

The first, *The Changing Political Terrain of American Elections* will be held Monday, October 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists include Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; Dr. Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Daniel Cortese, assistant professor of political and justice studies; and Debbie James, assistant professor of media and communications.

The second open community forum, *Issues of the 2012 Election*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists are Levinson, Culverson, Haring, and David Golland, assistant professor of history.

These conversations are free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

Escape from Alcatraz



Pierre and The Rock
across San Francisco Bay.

Pierre the GSU Penguin continued his summer travels when he accompanied student Judith Wallace and her family to San Francisco and other spots in Northern California.

Pierre visited the original "Rock" – the former federal penitentiary at Alcatraz – and was glad to "escape" without having to paddle



Redwood Forest

Our penguin also went hiking through the breathtaking redwood forest at Hendy Woods State Park in Mendocino County, known for its old growth coast redwoods. The giant trees reminded Pierre that the world is immensely huge, and provides more wonderful opportunities than any one person (or penguin) can experience – even though he's giving it a good try.

31 days, 31 icons

In conjunction with LGBT History Month, an exhibit sponsored by Equality Forum will be on display in the Student Life Center (A2100) from October 1 through October 31.

The national *31 days, 31 icons* exhibit recognizes an LGBT icon for each day of LGBT History Month which is nationally celebrated during October.

To learn more about Equity Forum, visit www.equalityforum.com/.

ScholarShip – Caron Jacobson



Caron Jacobson

University Lecturer Caron Jacobson has been asked to give expert testimony for the Cook County Women's Commission at a public hearing to be held October 18, from 9 to 1230 p.m., at the George W. Dunne Administration Building in Chicago.

The public hearing will explore the revolving door for women in the criminal justice system and seeks to develop solutions to ending the cycle. Jacobson is considered an expert due to her 10 years of experience working with women involved in the criminal justice system, most recently as an executive director of a re-entry program in Detroit and as a member of the Governors Re-entry Initiative task force in Michigan.

The event is free and open to the public.

Be a More Inclusive Educator

The Office of Disability Services is offering a webinar, *Supporting ADA Accommodations: Manageable Solutions for Faculty*, on Thursday, September 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

The webinar is specifically designed for faculty and offers specific ideas and information on how best to facilitate necessary and appropriate Americans With Disabilities Act accommodations in the classroom.

This program will give faculty the information and ideas necessary to successfully aid students in their academic process. The webinar speaker, Dr. Brian Van Brunt, has worked in the counseling field for more than 15 years and currently serves as Director of Counseling and Testing at Western Kentucky University.

Interested persons should contact [Robin Sweeney](#) at 708.235.3968.

Calling All Student Leaders

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[Click here](#) for additional information.

GS2U Workshop Targets Teaching Skills

You can refresh, revise, and renew your skills at a GS2U workshop on Tuesday, October 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The workshop, a collaboration between GS2U, Online Teaching and Learning, and the Colleague Project Management Office, offers assistance with Blackboard, the GSU portal, and online learning.

For more information, to register, or to suggest a future workshop topic, email gs2u@govst.edu.

Computer Network Classes

The Computer Networking Series at GSU offers participants the opportunity to gain career enhancing skills through non-credit courses. Students will receive training preparing them for Network Administration and a variety of other positions. Courses may be taken individually or in sequence, depending on individual career and education goals.

Course topics include Networking Fundamentals, Networking Switches and Routing, Wireless Networking, Windows Seven Operating System, and Windows Server Operating System.

For more information about the Computer Networking Series, contact the School of Continuing Education at 708.534.4099 or visit www.govst.edu/oce/.

Panel Discussion Examines Women in Political Discourse (09-20-12)

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(Political) Party Time for Pierre



Outside the DNC As an aquatic animal, Pierre does not have the right to vote in our elections. But he knows that the future depends on sound decisions by those of us who can vote. He encourages non-flipper members of the GSU community to register to vote, and to help make a difference in this November's election.

Pierre, although a completely non-partisan penguin, likes to follow politics. So he was happy to accompany student Daniel Ellington to the recent Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. He's shown outside the convention center and having lunch in the media lounge.



In the media lounge

Pierre is a big fan of the GSU Student Senate's voter registration drive, which continues through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

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Just as importantly, Stone added, GSU has prevented the release of 129,000 pounds of atmospheric carbon dioxide through the use of renewable wind energy.

The wind turbine was built with the assistance of a \$153,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Broadway's Next H!t Musical Arrives for One Night Only

Get your tickets today for *Broadway's Next H!T Musical*, the smash hit that opens the 2012-2013 season at Governors State University Center for Performing Arts. *Broadway's Next H!T Musical* comes to GSU Center for one night only on Friday, September 21, at 8 p.m.

Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

Roofing Project Continues

Re-roofing of the E/F renovation area is under way. That work will be phased over approximately six weeks. As with the D-wing roofing, FDM will close fresh air intakes to limit the entry of asphalt odors. Persons with offices on the north side of G-wing should keep their windows closed for the duration of the E/F roofing; fumes drawn into the building they will be difficult to evacuate.

The D-wing roofing continues. All tear-off is complete and the contractor is now installing new insulation and roofing.

While the roofing odors are not harmful, they can be unpleasant. Like any irritant, sensitivity and reaction varies between people. There are a handful of areas in D-wing where control of odors has been especially difficult, and FDM appreciates the efforts of the Registrar to relocate classes as well as everybody's patience during the work.

If your area becomes a problem, call FDM, ext. 4515.

Announcing Theatre and Performance Studies

Theatre and Performance Studies is coming to GSU, and a spring production is planned in the Center for Performing Arts.

Learn more about Theatre and Performing Studies at an informational meeting on Thursday, September 27, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The session is for people who are interested in performing on stage or working behind the scenes, and who would like to create momentum for a new performance culture at GSU.

Your presence at the meeting will help determine how Theatre and Performance Studies will move forward this year, including the spring show. If you cannot attend the meeting, but are still interested in becoming involved, e-mail Dr. Patrick Santoro.

Computer Science Club Varsity Jacket Sale

You can show your school colors – and look sharp – this fall in a GSU varsity jacket. The



university's Computer Science Club is selling the black-on-black jackets.

The jackets are work with leather sleeves. The GSU logo is on the back and your name will be sewn onto the front. They have quilted nylon lining.

All orders must be in by October 31 for delivery in November. For purchasing information and an order form, go to the Computer Science Club's website and click on fundraising activities. <http://www.govst-tech.com/>.

Book Drive for Africa Continues

GSU's local chapter of Sigma Delta Tau, the international nursing honor society, is conducting a Book Drive for Africa through October 1. The book drive has already collected more than 1,000 books but the children in Africa need more.

You can donate unwanted books by dropping them off on the nursing lab on the third floor of C wing. All kinds of books can be donated. No magazines will be accepted.

The drive is being conducted in conjunction with Books 4 Cause, a Chicago based charity. Further information is available at www.booksforcause.com.

Graduate Business Programs Open House

CPBA is hosting a graduate programs open house on October 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Information on graduate programs in Business Administration, Public Administration, Management Information Systems, and Accounting, as well information about the new accelerated, on line MBA in Supply Chain Management will be presented. Admissions counselors, program advisors and faculty will also be available to answer questions and discuss admission requirements. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with current students and industry and civic leaders.

Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. Refreshments will be served and tours of the campus will be offered.

For more information or to RSVP by Tuesday, October 1, call 708.534.4391.

Additional Motorcycle Parking

Based on increased need, additional "motorcycle parking only" spaces have been reserved in East Lot 1.

For further information, please contact Facilities at ext. 4515 or Public Safety at ext. 4900.

A Survey for New Undergraduate Students

In an effort to improve our support for new students, the Academic Resource Center is conducting a brief survey of new undergraduate students about your early experiences at the university.

The survey will be available through September 28. As an expression of our gratitude for your participation your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the campus Follett Bookstore. Please check your GSU e-mail for a link to access the survey.

For more information, contact the Academic Resource Center at 708.534.4090.

Forensics Team Meets Sept. 25

GSU's Forensics Team will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, September 25 at 1 p.m., in the Student Lounge in Building A.

The forensics team provides an opportunity for students to improve their public speaking, research, and presentation skills. Students are invited to participate in oral arguments and debates and to compete, if desired, against other universities in Illinois. Tournament participation is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Oral interpretation includes drama, poetry, informative and persuasive speaking, and communication analysis.

LGBT History Month

October marks the 18th annual celebration of LGBT History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating moments in the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during the month.

On October 2 and 4, GSA will sponsor bake sales from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The GSA will host a presentation by Erin Davies on October 9, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Davis was the victim of a hate crime when her VW Beetle was vandalized because she is sported a rainbow sticker. She left the spray painted words "fag" and "u r gay" where the vandals painted them, and drove the car on a 45-state, 58-day tour of the country. Davies trip and the responses of the people she met en route are chronicled in the documentary *Fagbug*. In her presentation, Davies will discuss her experiences on the trip and how she ultimately responded to the vandalism.

[View the trailer](#) for *Fagbug*.

National Coming Out Day Forum will be held on October 11, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The forum will include speakers who relate their personal coming out stories followed by a question and answer session.

GSA meetings are held every Wednesday, at 3 p.m., in E2590. Everyone is welcome to attend. The presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact gsa.govst@gmail.com or visit <http://gsagsu.weebly.com>.

Tutoring Available at GSU

The Academic Resource Center (ARC) reminds students that tutoring services are available:

- The Writing Center offers workshops, individual sessions for students, revision suggestions online, and a tutor in the library. Visit www.govst.edu/owl for more information or call 708.235.7337 to schedule an appointment.
- ARC also provides professional and peer tutoring for math, accounting, economics, finance, statistics, and some science courses. Both onsite and online formats are offered. Visit www.rich75.com/govst to schedule an appointment.

Resume Workshop

The MIS Club is sponsoring a Resume Workshop on Tuesday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Information on resumes will be presented by Dr. Christopher Ann Easley, associate professor of management.

Everyone is welcome.

Write for Reconstructed

GSU's online literature and arts journal staff is now accepting submissions for the next issue of *Reconstructed*. This student written, managed, and published online journal is a place for students from any major to showcase their creative work.

Students are encouraged to submit works of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry for publication in *Reconstructed*. Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files, and visual art should be submitted in jpeg format. Students may submit one work of short fiction or creative non-fiction with no more than 5,000 words, six poems, or five visual art images. Please include your name, e-mail address, and phone number in your e-mail. Submissions should be sent via e-mail attachment to: Reconstructed@govst.edu.



Visit <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/> for submission guidelines and more information.

Scholarship Spotlight – Christine Patterson



Christine Patterson of Braidwood received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. She is a graduate student in the College of Education, working toward a master's degree in counseling.

Christine looks forward to receiving her degree and finding a position that provides fulfillment and financial security. She believes that the best way to a

C. Patterson truly rewarding life is to help others.

Comedy Sensation Opens CPA Season on Friday (09-17-12)



Get your tickets today for *Broadway's Next H!T Musical*, the smash hit that opens the 2012-2013 season at Governors State University Center for Performing Arts. *Broadway's Next H!T Musical* comes to GSU Center for one night only on Friday, September 21, at 8 p.m.

Master improvisers collect made-up song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of music, humor, and laughter. The audience picks a favorite song and the cast turns it into a full-blown improvised musical - complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists.

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E-blasts Need to Follow ADA Guidelines

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the Internal E-Blast Procedure.

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact Lindsay Gladstone in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Pierre Takes an Alaskan Cruise



At the Clan House

Pierre, the GSU Penguin, took an exciting Alaskan cruise this summer with Mary Beth Deppe, an undergraduate social work student, and 14 members of her family. They visited Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan, where Pierre examined totem poles and a native clan house at Totem Bight State Historical Park.

Pierre felt right at home – well, mostly – in the Alaskan waters. In Juneau, the

group went on a whale watching boat. A group of eight humpback whales came so close "that we could almost touch them while they were doing their graceful dives and majestic tail flips," Mary Beth said. The boat also came

across two female Orcas who were teaching a young whale how to hunt, a behavior that the group's veteran guide said he and his crew had never witnessed before. At that particular moment, Pierre was very glad he was on the boat.



Ahoy, Whales

Voter Registration Continues

The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a voter registration drive through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

Registering to vote takes only minutes and requires two forms of identification, including one with current address. Previously registered voters are reminded that they need to re-register if they have moved.

Webinar Focuses on Classroom Disability Services

GSU's Office of Disability Services is offering a webinar, Supporting ADA Accommodations: Manageable Solutions for Faculty, on Thursday, September 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. The webinar is specifically designed for faculty and offers specific ideas and information on how best to facilitate necessary and appropriate Americans With Disabilities Act accommodations in the classroom.

This program will give faculty the information and ideas necessary to successfully aid students in their academic process. Participants will discuss the following 10 areas in a solution-focused manner:

- What is a disability?
- The application and review process for services
- What are reasonable and unreasonable accommodations?
- The dangers of beginning but not completing an accommodation
- How to handle mid-semester requests
- Disorders for extended test time
- Disorders for note-takers
- Common accommodations for Asperger's Disorder
- How to handle technology and access requests
- Good accommodation ideas for everyone

Participants will learn about common disability accommodations related to mental health disorders, how to work with students making a disability request, how to differentiate between reasonable and unreasonable requests, how to work in tandem with the ADA office and student, and the importance of handling requests in a solution-focused manner.

The webinar speaker, Dr. Brian Van Brunt, has worked in the counseling field for more than 15 years and currently serves as Director of Counseling and Testing at Western Kentucky University.

Interested persons should contact [Robin Sweeney](#) at 708.235.3968.

Career and Internship Fair – September 27

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business, communications, and technology. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2012 Business/Communications/Technology Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. The event is free. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Digital Filmmaking Discussion

Dan Nearing will participate in a panel discussion on the effects of digital process on filmmaking at the Gene Siskel Film Center, today, after the screening of the documentary, *Side by Side*. The film explores the effects of the digital revolution through clips and interviews. The screening begins at 6 p.m. with the discussion following the 99 minute film.



Dan Nearing

Nearing, a GSU Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Independent Film and Digital Imaging, will be join a panel that includes Barbara Scharres, Director of Programming for the Gene Siskel Film Center; Ben Sachs, film critic for the Chicago Reader; and Daniel Eisenberg, Professor of Film, Video, New Media, and Animation at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Alison Cuddy, WBEZ 91.5 FM host and contributor, will moderate.

The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street, Chicago.

Colleague Users Group Meets Wednesday

The first meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is on Wednesday, September 19, at 2 p.m. in Room D34115.

CUG will provide a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. All are welcome to join the group.

Please come to share your experiences, comments, questions and to learn more about the system. The forum includes a short presentation, Licensing: What does it mean to me?

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Student Leadership Institute

GSU students can apply to participate in the Student Leadership Institute (SLI), a co-curricular certificate program designed for upper-class students looking for leadership development opportunities that will contribute to their personal development and help achieve their leadership potential.

Applications for the certificate program will be accepted October 1 through November 1. Interested persons can [apply here](#).

Students must be currently enrolled and in good standing. Participating students will be selected based on information submitted in their application

For additional information visit
<http://www.govst.edu/leadershipinstitute/>.

Before and After Deployment

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include:

- Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Marquell Smith: Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy
- Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military
- Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims
- Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Ways of Making: Sculpture

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery presents *Ways of Making: Sculpture* through October 6. The exhibition is being presented in conjunction with events at the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

The exhibition features featuring Chicago-area artists Juan Angel Chavez, Barbara Cooper, Bob Emser, and Vivian Visser. It is the fourth in the series that focuses on the art program's offerings at GSU. The exhibit was curated by gallery director Jeff Stevenson. "I was looking for artists and pieces that would demonstrate a wide range



Husk - Barbara Cooper

of materials and techniques but at the same time result in a cohesive show," Stevenson said.

The use of shadows and the reserved use of color unite the artists' work throughout the exhibition, he said.

The closing reception, on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., will honor the artists. It will also coincide with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Iron Pour and the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago. Convention attendees will be bused to GSU's campus on Saturday, October 6 to enjoy the festivities.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and by appointment. Further information is available at 708.534.4021, www.govst.edu/gallery, and on Facebook.

Safety First

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

For assistance, call 708.534.4515.

Recovery Walk Steps Off Saturday

Put your feet to good use and take a walk. The Governors State University Addictions Studies Alumni Club and the GSU Alumni Association are sponsoring the Walk for Recovery on Saturday, September 22. This event celebrates National Recovery Month. The Recovery Walk is a two-mile walk around the GSU campus and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

In addition to the walk there will be door prizes, refreshments, music and entertainment, and a resource fair.

Featured speakers include Peter Palanca, GSU senior lecturer in addictions studies and Executive Vice President and COO of TASC, Inc.; Theodora Binion, Director of the Illinois Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Dr. Groove, inspirational spoken word artist; and comedian Tommy Connolly.

Admission is free and there is no charge to participate in the walk. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. and the

walk begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

See It on Netflix

The highly-acclaimed film made by GSU faculty, staff, students, and others, *The Last Soul on a Summer Night* will be available for download on Netflix in early October. The film was previously called *Chicago Heights*.

The name of the film was changed at the distributor's request and with the input of the filmmakers, Associate Professor Dan Nearing and Assistant Professor Sang Hoon Lee. The name comes from the book *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, on which the film is based.

Dr. Ejigu Receives Fulbright Specialists Award (09-13-12)

Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, GSU's Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, has been selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in China at South China Normal University during the Fall 2012 semester, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.



Dr. Gebe Ejigu

Dr. Ejigu will present lectures and workshops designed to cover the structure, governance, financing, organization and management of the United States educational system at all levels -- K-12 and postsecondary institutions at the two-and four-year levels, both public and private.

"I am delighted that the Fulbright Program has recognized Dr. Ejigu's numerous contributions to higher education with the award of this highly competitive grant," said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. "Students, faculty members, and staff at South China Normal University will benefit from the wisdom Dr. Ejigu has attained from decades of creative achievements at U. S. universities. He will also strengthen Governors State University's alliance with South China Normal and with other Chinese universities.

"As a scholar, Dr. Ejigu will also learn a great deal from his hosts—insights that will strengthen GSU's commitment to prepare students for success in a global society. All of us at GSU are thrilled that the Fulbright Program has recognized Dr. Ejigu's contributions and capabilities."

Dr. Ejigu has been GSU's Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff since 2007. As the chief financial and administrative officer and treasurer for the Board of Trustees, he is responsible for four major functional areas of the university including administration and finance, enrollment management and marketing, information technology, and human resources.

Dr. Ejigu is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program.

Patrick J. Ormsby Named to GSU Board of Trustees

Patrick J. Ormsby, a longtime business and community leader in the Chicago Southland, has been appointed to the GSU Board of Trustees. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn named Ormsby, of Olympia Fields, to the Board on August 20; his term expires in 2017.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of GSU, with statutory powers and duties to operate, manage, control, and maintain the university. Ormsby's appointment must be confirmed by the Illinois Senate and, until then, is considered temporary. However, Ormsby has all the rights and privileges of a university trustee during the interim period.



"We're quite pleased," said Board of Trustees Chair Jack Beaupre. "This is someone with a long record of involvement with Governors State, and strong support for its programs, and we are really pleased to have him on the board. We know he is familiar with the university's mission and goals, and will keep Governors State headed in the right direction."

Patrick Ormsby

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon praised Ormsby's appointment.

"Pat Ormsby has been a part of the GSU family for many years, both as a member and president of the Foundation Board and as an ardent supporter of GSU," Dr. Maimon said. "His deep community roots mean that he understands the unique role that GSU plays in the region. Pat's commitment to excellence in education and his awareness of the issues facing higher education today make him an excellent choice. We thank Governor Quinn for appointing a superior person to our Board of Trustees."

Ormsby is president of Bimba Manufacturing Company, with corporate headquarters in Monee and facilities in Rockford, Chicago and Plymouth, Minnesota. Ormsby started at Bimba in 1980 after a career in both public and private accounting. He earned a B.S. degree in accounting from Regis University in Denver and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ormsby is currently president of the GSU Foundation, the university's primary fundraising and gift-receiving division.

GSU Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month – from September 15 to October 15 – will be observed at GSU with a number of events and activities.

Events sponsored by the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) include a September 18 tamale sale; a movie and discussion at 5 p.m. on October 3 in Engbretson Hall with Dr. Maristella Zell; and a Latin Celebration on October 12 in the Hall of Governors.

Next Tuesday's tamale fundraiser is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Lunch plates will be sold for \$5 and include two tamales, rice, and a beverage. Individual tamales will also be sold. Through today, you can pre-order tamales at www.govst.edu/alastamale. The pick-up is next Tuesday and there is a minimum order of at least a dozen tamales.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

2012-2013 Catalog Now Online

The 2012-2013 GSU Catalog is now available online at www.govst.edu/catalog.

Let's Talk Transfer

The Provost's Office is sponsoring a workshop, *Let's Talk Transfer*, on Tuesday, September 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Janet Marling, executive director of the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS), is keynote speaker. NISTS brings together university and community college researchers and practitioners to focus on research and best practices in serving transfer students. Dr. Marling will share her latest research into best practices for transfer students, both at community college and after they transfer to a university.

Calling All Portal and Colleague Users

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Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Love Your Inner Child

Student Life and the Wellness Club will sponsor *Love Your Inner Child* on Thursday, September 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Commons Annex (A2134).

This workshop focuses on working with your inner child to improve your quality of life. It is the third installment in the Pursuit of Healthiness series.

The program is free for students and \$5 for non-students. For more information, call 708.534.4556 or visit the Recreation and Fitness Center (A1106).

A Great Day at the Golf Course



With picture perfect weather, good companionship, and healthy competition, last Sunday's Third Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Winning golfers at this year's event were:

- Overall Winner GSU Golf League 2012 Season - Pete Mizera
- All-female Team –



Dr. Rupert Evans Tracey Drechsel, Patty Tracey Drechsel, Dr. Maimon, Tracey Drechsel, Julia

Durante, Jenny Emerson

- All-male Team Winners – Alvin Wagner, Jim Tierman, Marvin Holman
- Mixed Team Winners -- Dave Yandel, Karen Kissel, Matt Brokenshire, and Jane Siefker
- Closest to the Pin Women – Nancy John
- Closest to the Pin Men – Sam Balark
- Longest Drive Men – Mike Harley
- Longest Drive Women – Patty Drechsel

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

Softball Players Needed

The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center is looking for faculty and staff interested in joining a softball team that will play our GSU students. The Softball Club meets on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., weather permitting, through October 11 at the baseball field across the street from West Lot 1.

If you are interested in being a part of the faculty and staff softball team, please confirm your attendance with Dean Jennings at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

For additional information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708-534-4556.

Library and Writing Center Workshops for Fall 2012

During the Fall term, the GSU Library and Writing Center will provide a series of workshops and corresponding study group sessions to help students plan and write their research papers. These workshops will deal with finding a topic, using library databases, documenting references in APA style, managing citations with RefWorks, paraphrasing, avoiding plagiarism, and methods to improve writing.

All sessions will meet in the Library on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. View the complete schedule on the [Library Workshop](#) web page.

2012-2013 Forensics Team Forming

GSU's Forensics Team will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, September 25 at 1 p.m. in the Student Lounge in Building A.

The forensics team provides an opportunity for students to improve their public speaking, research, and presentation skills. Students are invited to participate in oral arguments and debates and to compete, if desired, against other universities in Illinois. Tournament participation is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Oral interpretation includes drama, poetry, informative and persuasive speaking, and communication analysis.

Nominations Due for Honorary Doctorate Degree Program

Nominations for GSU's honorary doctoral degree program are due by September 20.

Provost Terry Allison, chair of the Honorary Degree Committee, is urging members of the GSU community to submit nominations for inclusion on the roster of candidates for an honorary doctoral degree, to be awarded at Commencement.

The nominations process is simple - just forward a name with an accompanying recommendation statement and justification for the nomination. Nominations should include a brief biographical statement for each nominee, who will be chosen in accordance with GSU's mission and values.

Nominations should be sent to [Dr. Allison](#) or [Myisha Meeks](#).

Student is Awarded Argonne Research Appointment

Kenneth Blank, an undergraduate biology major, was awarded an appointment for the Fall 2012 Student Research Participation Program at Argonne National Laboratory. This competitive program enables students to become actively involved in ongoing research, have access to state-of-the-art equipment and instruments, and interact with senior researchers. The program also provides a weekly stipend and housing allowance.

Kenneth first learned about these research opportunities through the Argonne Post-Doctoral Guest Lecture program founded by Argonne

Post-Doctoral Programs Director Dr. Kristene Henne and GSU Chemistry Professor Walter Henne. Dr. Kristene Henne is also a member of GSU's CAS advisory board. During the past two years, Argonne scientists have given five guest lectures at GSU in several chemistry courses.

GSU As A Model of Higher Education (09-10-12)



President Elaine P. Maimon's column, *GSU Will Be a Model of Higher Education in a Free Society*, appeared Sunday in the Times of Northwest Indiana.

You can read [Dr. Maimon's column](#).

President Maimon

Down Mexico Way



Pierre the Penguin got in some quality beach time with he traveled with student Joanna Martin to Cozumel, Mexico this summer. Pierre went sightseeing, took a dip in the ocean, and enjoyed meeting several interesting aquatic birds.



Surveying the palms

There's still time to submit entries to

Cozumel sunset

GSU View's Take Pierre on Vacation photo photo contest before Friday's deadline. Send in your entries to GSU View and you'll be eligible for fabulous prizes.

Check out [Pierre's website](#) for contest details.

Remembering 9-11

GSU will mark the 11th anniversary of the September 11 attacks on Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Hall of Governors. The event is free and open to the public.

For additional information contact [Keith White](#) or call 708.235.2223.

Lincoln Laureate Honors Deserving Students

Nominations are being accepted for the prestigious Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate.

Each fall, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Student Lincoln Academy Medallion and thereby becomes a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular

activities.

The Lincoln Laureate honors individuals whose contributions to the betterment of mankind have been accomplished in or on behalf of the State of Illinois, or, whose achievements have brought honor to the state because of their identity with it, whether by birth or residence, or by their dedication to those principles of democracy and humanity as exemplified by the great Illinoisan whose name it bears. The Laureate honors senior students at each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions in Illinois for overall excellence, in both curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Deserving students are nominated by faculty. Applications are available at the [Student Life website](#). Send nominations to [Sheree Sanderson](#). The deadline is Thursday, October 4.

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To register online and to be entered to win a special door prize, visit www.govst.edu/alumniwalk.

For more information or to sponsor this event, call Alumni Relations at 708.534.4128.

Sign Up for Home Inspection Course

GSU is offering a home inspector certification course on November 30, and December 1 and 2, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The course provides the tools needed to successfully start a home inspection business and is open to those seeking both a part and full-time career opportunities. Studies show that full-time certified home inspectors earn approximately \$50,000 per year.

GSU's Office of Continuing Education has partnered with the American Home Inspection Training Institute (AHIT), the industry leader, to offer a comprehensive home inspection course. Students will accompany the instructor to five local homes to conduct actual hands-on inspections. The course includes training on structure, interiors, exteriors, plumbing, electrical, roofs, heating and cooling, and report writing. Students will also receive expert guidance in how to develop and market a business.

The course fee is \$1,795, which includes all materials. Registration must be completed by November 2 and is available by calling 877.838.0959. Further information is available at www.ahit.com/affiliates/govst.

Knowledge Exchange Starts Fall Classes

The Knowledge Exchange begins its fall session on September 21 with classes on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m.

Course offerings include a wide range of classes, including Civic Engagement, Play Reading, Cinema Studies and the Supreme Court, and Topics in Science.

The Knowledge Exchange is a continuation of the former Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.) with the same focus – to continue to offer unique and diverse non-credited courses at a reasonable price (\$73 per class, \$28 for an additional class). Classes are designed for participants aged 55 years and over and provide a relaxed and friendly environment, open to shared learning, and the free exchange of opinions and ideas.

Classes are peer-led by a community of dedicated volunteers including GSU faculty and alumni, and many former Exchange students.

Call the Office of Continuing Education at 708.534.4099 to request more information or to register.

GSA Meets Every Wednesday

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in E2590.

This month, club officers will discuss how to build a Gay Straight Alliance Presence on campus, and plan upcoming events for October.

Everyone is welcome to attend GSA Meetings.

Aim for the Fences

Faculty and staff, there is still time to play softball before the arrival of wintry weather. Coed softball games are taking place Thursdays, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., through October 11. Games are being played at the GSU baseball field across from West 2 parking lot.

For more information contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

Chicago Sky Basketball Discounts

GSU students can get special discounts to Chicago Sky basketball games. Games are played at the Allstate Arena.

Upcoming games are:

- Police & Fire Night against the defending WNBA champion Minnesota Lynx on September 11
- Breast Health Awareness Night against the Atlanta Dream on September 20
- Fan Appreciation Night against the Washington Mystics on September 22

Under the student discount, \$45 floor seats are \$37, \$30 seats are \$26, and \$15 seats are \$10. Tickets are available through [Ticketmaster](#). Use the promo code "Governors" to get your discount.

GSU Votes Registration Drive Begins (09-06-12)

President Elaine P. Maimon, in a recent letter to the GSU community, urged students to exercise their right to vote in this fall's national election. "Politically active, informed students ensure a better university, a better community, and a better nation," she wrote. "Make sure that you are registered to vote and that you take your civic responsibilities seriously."



Governors State is taking its civic responsibilities seriously with the 2012 GSU Votes initiative. GSU started a voter registration drive this week; it continues through September 27. The voter registration station, located in the Hall of Governors, is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Registering to vote takes just a few minutes. Persons wishing to register need two pieces of identification, one with a current address. Persons who have recently moved need to re-register. Information is also available at the GSU Votes station about current registration status and other questions.

The voter registration drive is sponsored by the GSU Student Senate. For more information, contact [Brandon Sanders](#), student advisory committee representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, at 708.534.7362.

A number of events are planned on National Voters Registration Day, Monday, September 25. Activities will take place in the Hall of Governors between 4 and 7 p.m. The afternoon includes voter registration, refreshments, raffles, a DJ, line dancing, and a National

Anthem sing-off. The event is open to the public. National Voters Registration Day is sponsored by the StrictlyteenzUSA, Rock the Vote, National Congress of Black Women, and Mass Vote.

The Illinois deadline for voter registration for this fall's election is October 9.

The Maine Event

Pierre, the GSU Penguin, headed "Down East" when he took a trip to the Maine coast with Geoff Bates, director and curator of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Pierre loves the ocean surf and tried out his boogie board in Maine's salty Atlantic waters. Our penguin enjoyed the trip but balked at taking a boat ride to see some seals basking on the rocks at low tide, indicating it was "too close to dinner."



Pierre in Maine

Send your pictures of Pierre's summer travels to the GSU View and you'll be eligible for fabulous prizes.

All entries for this summer's Take Pierre on Vacation photo contest must be submitted to GSU View by September 14. For information on picking up your own GSU penguin for travels near and far, and how to enter the contest, visit [Pierre's webpage](#).

Labriola Honored at International Conference

GSU Professor Tony Labriola, from the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design, presented a keynote address at this summer's 24th International Conference on Systems Research in Baden-Baden, Germany.

The address, *Social Media: Timelines/Lifelines in Pictures*, focused on images in Social Media as an increasingly dominant form of new "linguistic" or semiotic communication.

Labriola pointed out that Facebook now houses the largest collection of photos in the world – more than 60 billion – with 60 new photos uploaded every second. "Text becomes a footnote to the images," he said. "We are assembling, activating, directing, and stage-managing our virtual selves in the Global Theater."



Tony Labriola

During the conference's concluding ceremony, Labriola was inducted as a Fellow of the International Institute for Advanced Studies for his outstanding scholarly contribution through his research in media and film education.

GS2U Workshop Focuses on Teaching Skills

You can refresh, revise, and renew your skills at a GS2U workshop on Tuesday, October 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The workshop, a collaboration between GS2U, Online Teaching and Learning, and the Colleague Project Management Office, offers assistance with Blackboard, the GSU portal, and online learning.

For more information, to register, or to suggest a future workshop topic, email gs2u@govst.edu.

Deadline Nears for GSU Scholarships

Looking for additional financial assistance at GSU? The GSU Foundation and Alumni Association have posted scholarships available for the Spring, 2013 term.

The deadline to apply is September 19. For details, visit www.govst.edu/foundation/scholarships.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game (for a Good Cause)

Members of GSU's Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) are hosting a fundraiser to benefit their organization. Reduced-price tickets for the September 13 game between the White Sox and Detroit Tigers are on sale for \$22. The game begins at 7:10 p.m. at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

For tickets or additional information, contact [Eryn O'Rourke](#).

Grants Workshops Offered Next Week

On September 13 and 14, Dr. Robert Porter will lead two grants workshops, hosted by GSU's Office of the Provost and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Both workshops are three hours long and will take place in Sherman Hall.



Dr. Robert Porter

Writing Successful Grants takes place on Thursday, September 13, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This introductory workshop covers basic principles of good grant writing – starting with the phrasing of a compelling research theme to the actual construction of the proposal itself. The workshop focuses on the perspectives of grant reviewers and how to write in ways that meet their expectations.

Strategies for Success in Sponsored Research will be held on Friday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop features three interactive modules:

- Learn how to assess whether a specific research idea matches what the sponsor wants to fund.
- Knowing how to communicate with the sponsor agency prior to writing the proposal is a critical first step.
- Participate in a mock review panel, reading and evaluating a sample grant proposal.

Dr. Robert Porter is workshop leader. Dr. Porter has presented grant writing workshops at leading universities and medical schools across

the country. Currently Director of Research Development at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Porter has 30 years' experience as a tenured professor, private consultant, and research administrator.

For more information, and to register, contact Jennifer Morehead at 708.235.2846.

Preventing Suicide

The Academic Resource Center will host an information session on National Suicide Prevention Day, Monday, September 10, from noon to 1 p.m., in Room B1216. Learn the issues, warning signs, and assistance services available.

The program is are free and open to the public. For more information, call 708. 235.2228.

Computer Science Club 2012

The GSU Computer Science club is meeting Tuesday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Club officers will discuss the newly formed Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) student chapter, Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, October events for Cyber Security Awareness Month, CompTia Certification discounts, the sale of GSU Varsity Jackets, and much more.

Everyone is welcome to attend and learn what the GSU CS club is doing this year.

Dance Your Way to Fitness

You can dance your way to fitness at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

Zumba workout classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., throughout the Fall semester. GSU students pay only \$10. Center members pay only \$40 and all others pay \$100.

Everyone – students, faculty, staff, retirees, and community members - are invited to take advantage of the Recreation and Fitness Center. The Center is the perfect place to get fit and have fun with its indoor heated swimming pool, cardio and resistance training fitness room, full gymnasium, racquetball court, and fitness classes and programs.

Currently enrolled students enjoy full membership privileges and may use the facility for free and join classes at drastically reduced rates. Reduced rates are available for GSU faculty and staff, premium alumni association members, community college students, active military personnel, and senior citizens are eligible for membership discounts.

For more information about the Recreation and Fitness Center, visit www.govst.edu/recfit or call 708.534.4556.

Scholarship Spotlight – James Parquette



James Parquette
young children.

James Parquette of Oak Lawn received the Great Lakes Bank Endowed Scholarship. He is an undergraduate student in the College of Education and is pursuing a secondary education teaching degree in biology.

James would eventually like to obtain a master's degree in educational administration. He looks forward to becoming a teacher and passing on the importance of education to others, particularly his

